Re-write claims 1, 7 and 11 as follows:

--1. (thrice amended) An electronic camera comprising:

a signal processing portion for processing an imaged video signal obtained from an imaging element to form image data;

a monitor for displaying said image data;

an electronic flash device;

a battery for supplying [current] voltage to said signal processing portion, said monitor and said electronic flash device;

a battery voltage detector circuit; and

a system controller; [wherein]

wherein:

_____said electronic flash device includes a capacitor charged when no light is emitted from the flash device, and a discharge tube which receives an output from capacitor and, in response thereto, emits light; and

_____said system controller receives an output from said battery voltage detector circuit, determines whether an amount of electric charge remaining in said battery is below a predetermined value, and controls displaying on said monitor and charging of said capacitor such that, when the amount of electric charge remaining in said battery is below said predetermined value, display of the image data and charging of the capacitor are not simultaneously performed and an operation of displaying the image data on the monitor and recording the image data on a recording medium is completed before an operation of charging the capacitor occurs so that the image data will be preserved on the medium should the battery voltage, as a result of the charging operation, decrease below a level at which the

camera would record the image, wherein the image data is displayed on the monitor after the image has been recorded but before the capacitor has begun charging such that, through display of the image data, a user is informed that the image data has been recorded on the medium.

7. (thrice amended) A battery voltage controlling method employed in an electronic camera, comprising the steps of:

detecting whether an amount of electric charge remaining in a battery is below a predetermined value; and

successively performing displaying on a monitor and charging of a capacitor when said amount of electric charge remaining in said battery is below said predetermined value such that an operation of displaying and recording image data is completed before an operation of charging the capacitor occurs so that the image data will be preserved on the medium should voltage produced by the battery, as a result of the charging operation, decrease below a level at which the camera would record the image, wherein the image data is displayed on the monitor after the image has been recorded but before the capacitor has begun charging such that, through display of the image data, a user is informed that the image data has been recorded on the medium.

11. (twice amended) An electronic camera comprising:

an operation key;

a signal processing portion for processing an imaged video signal obtained from an imaging element to form image data and storing said image data on a recording medium in response to operation of said [shutter] operation key;

a monitor for displaying said image data thereon;

an electronic flash device;

a battery for supplying [current] voltage to said signal processing portion, said monitor and said electronic flash device;

a battery voltage detector circuit connected to said battery; and

a system controller connected to said battery voltage detector circuit, said monitor, said signal processing portion and said electronic flash device;

wherein:

said electronic flash device has a capacitor charged with current supplied from said battery when said electronic flash does not emit a flash of light, and a discharge tube which receives an output from said capacitor and, in response thereto, produces the flash of light; and

said system controller receives an output from said battery voltage detector circuit and determines whether a remaining amount of electric charge in the battery is below a predetermined value, and, if the remaining amount of the charge is below the predetermined value, does not permit displaying on said monitor and charging of said capacitor to occur simultaneously, such that the system controller prevents the capacitor from being charged while the monitor is displaying the image data when one screen of the image data is being recorded on the recording medium, and controls the monitor to be inoperative while said capacitor is being charged after one screen of said image data has been completely recorded on the recording medium so that the image data will be preserved on the medium should the battery voltage, as a result of the charging operation, decrease below a level at which the camera would record the image, wherein the image data is displayed on the monitor after the image has been recorded but before the capacitor